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Upcoming Conference News

CPC Update:

NASIG Conference – June 6-9 2013

Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel, Buffalo, NY

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Early bird registration ends May 3rd. Get your registrations in and make your hotel reservation now.

NASIG will satisfy your need to know and your need to connect!



The Need to Know

Do you need to know more about:

- Evidence-based decision making and the value of serials in libraries?
- How the mobile devices revolution will impact libraries?

- Significant developments within the publishing industry?
- Where to go for learning tools for RDA?
- How your library can be a successful publishing partner?
- Adopting an open access policy?
- Whether your library should get involved in providing e-textbooks?
- The seven stages of loss and recovery when staffing is reduced?
- Building a better knowledgebase?
- How to use technology to enhance e-resource access?

This is just a sampling of the topics to be addressed at the upcoming NASIG Conference. A complete listing can be found at <http://nasig2013.sched.org/>.

Now is the Time!

It is time to register for the NASIG conference. The early bird discount rate ends May 3rd.

http://www.nasig.org/conference_registration.cfm

Hurry! It is time to make your hotel reservation. Only a few rooms are left at the conference rate at the Hyatt Regency/Buffalo for June 6th – June 9th.

<http://www.nasig.org/registrationcontent.cfm>

If you need a hotel room for June 4th or 5th make a reservation at the Comfort Suites, which is two blocks from the Hyatt. The conference rate is available.

The Joy of Communication

From the very beginning in 1986, networking was a critical part of the NASIG conference and experience. Our founders believed that new ideas would germinate, solutions to problems could be crafted, and the honest truth might be told if publishers, vendors, librarians, and other professionals gathered together in a relaxed atmosphere. The NASIG conference is the place where everyone is on the same footing, easily approachable, and there is no dress code. Consider these networking opportunities:

Thursday (June 6)

- 1) If this is your first NASIG conference, attend the First Timers Reception. Here you will meet your mentor and other first timers to find out more about NASIG.
- 2) Sign up for one of the Friday night “Dine-Around” restaurants. It’s Buffalo, so the restaurant offerings will feature various cuisines: Italian, Asian, all-American, or creative vegetarian cuisine. It’s an easy way to meet new colleagues and discuss interests over eggplant parmesan, fish fry, burgers and sweet potato fries, or a platter of chicken wings. And don’t forget dessert!
- 3) In the late afternoon, join other attendees at the conference reception held in the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center as part of the Vendor Expo. You can enjoy the exhibits along with your beef on weck, Italian sausage, stuffed mushrooms, chicken wings, pasta and raw veggies while you chat with old friends or meet some new colleagues who are interested in e-books and e-book purchasing among other topics.
- 4) In the evening, after the conference’s opening session, attend the Dessert Reception at the gorgeously renovated Rendezvous Room in the Statler City Hotel. You can share experiences about ERM installations with other attendees and likely connect with one or more ERM providers. Swing to

the big-band style music of Dr. Jazz and the Jazzbugs, and be sure to sample the chocolate covered strawberries, truffles, cookies, and other delights.

Friday (June 7)

- 1) This year, a “Great Ideas Showcase” will offer “poster” sessions on 17 topics, such as how to collaborate on a document storage project, plan for technology initiatives, and direct students from Google back to your library. The presenters will be at the showcase to talk with you and answer questions. Contact information is shared so you can follow up as needed.
- 2) Friday night offers two planned options to ensure you can be part of a group. Consider having a group dinner at one of the “Dine Around” restaurants in the downtown area. Or, join the group going to the Buffalo Bisons ballgame at Coca-Cola Field and feast on hot dogs, baskets of nachos and, of course, some peanuts and Cracker Jack. Coca-Cola Field is a short walk from the hotel or a quick, free ride on the Metrorail.

Saturday (June 8)

- 1) During the lunch hour, after picking up one of the provided box lunches, join an Informal Discussion Group session to share your knowledge and expertise. There will be lively get-togethers on a wide variety of topics – in fact, 16 of them! There will be a discussion on academic accreditation, disaster preparedness, knowledgebase data quality, altmetrics, PDA (Patron Driven Acquisition), cataloging with or without RDA, the CORAL ERM, and the Kuali OLE, an open source ILC. If none of these pique your interest, how about the Taiga Forum Open meeting, a discussion group for NASIG newbies or one for Serials Solutions administrators, an overview meeting on how Web scale discovery systems work, an informal caucus on the ONIX-PL (licensing) standard, or a gathering to hear the latest news on open access journals in Latin

America? Finally, if cataloging changes have you muttering to yourself, show up for the RDA group therapy session.

- 2) Attend the dinner and evening event at the Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum where you can view its world class collection of cars and other vehicles manufactured in Buffalo in the first half of the 20th century as well as women's fashions from the period, and enjoy a view of the Frank Lloyd Wright filling station, which is being built (for the first time ever) inside the museum. Dinner, which will feature foods from several of Buffalo's ethnic communities, will be served and you can continue your networking as you make your way to and from the food stations.
- 3) After dinner, plan to return to the Hyatt for informal late evening activities or take advantage of one of downtown's interesting bars! The newly renovated Pan-American Grill & Brewery at the Hotel Lafayette is well worth a visit. Or try out Founding Fathers in nearby Allentown (a 15 minute walk north from the hotel or a short ride on the Metrorail (paid

section))), where everywhere you look, homage is paid to American history and guests are often quizzed on the topic while indulging in libations at the bar.

Sunday (June 9)

If you have time after the conference ends and before you leave town, consider a trip to the Allentown Art Festival which runs Sunday 11am-6pm. Over 400 juried artists and exhibitors will have their wares available for purchase in the city's Allentown Historic Preservation District. This hugely popular event can be easily reached from the hotel by Metrorail or on foot, if you don't mind a 15-20 minute walk.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Henry Ford

More business decisions occur over lunch and dinner than at any other time, yet no MBA courses are given on the subject.

Peter Drucker